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TAGS: PINT MILI CH

SUBJ: LEFTIST PLA UNIT REIGNS IN CALL FOR CRITICISM

1. A MODEL LEFTIST PLA UNIT HAS CALLED A HALT TO ATTACKING INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE MILITARY, TAKING THE STEAM OUT OF THE CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO'S MILITARY LINE. A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN PEOPLE'S DAILY JANUARY 28 (ALSO CARRIED OVER NCNA'S DOMESTIC SERVICE JANUARY 27) BY THE ANTI-CHEMICAL WARFARE COMPANY OF A CERTAIN PLA UNIT IN CHEKIANG ASSERTED THAT THE "AIM OF CRITICIZING LIN PIAO'S BOURGEOIS MILITARY LINE.... IS BY NO MEANS AIMED AT INVESTIGATING INDIVIDUAL'S PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY". THE ARTICLE ADDED THAT THE CADRES AND FIGHTERS IN THE COMPANY HAVE CONSCIOUSLY DIRECTED THE SPEARHEAD OF STRUGGLE AT LIN PIAO AND A HANDFUL OF HIS DIEHARDFOLLOWERS.

2. THE ANTI-CHEMICAL WARFARE COMPANY CAME TO ATTENTION IN
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JANUARY 1974, IN AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH CHIANG CHING

WHICH FORMED THE BASIS FOR CENTRAL DOCUMENT NO. 3 OF THAT YEAR. CHIANG CHING'S LETTER TO THE COMPANY WAS AN EXHORTATION TO EXPAND THE THEN NASCENT MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE CONFUCIUS AND LIN PIAO. REPORTEDLY, MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY, QUICKLY SUPPORTED BY THE ENTIRE NANKING MILITARY REGION, FERVENTLY VOWED TO FOLLOW HER INSTRUCTIONS.

3. COMMENT: FOLLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF YEH CHIEN-YING AND TENG HSIAO-PING TO SENIOR POSITIONS WITHIN THE PLA, THE WAY IN WHICH THIS POLITICALLY ACTIVIST PLA UNIT HAS PULLED IN ITS HORNS IS YET ANOTHER SIGN THAT THE MODERATES ARE IN THE SADDLE.
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